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EXCERPTS FROM OUR STATE MEDICAL JOURNAL

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EXCERPTS FROM EDITORIAL NOTES

Important Announcement by the Program Committee.—The attention of the members of the State Society is called to the article appearing in another column, entitled "Rules Governing Reading of Papers and Discussions at State Society Meeting." A few words of explanation regarding these rules might not be amiss. Because man is not born perfect, does not attain perfection nor has, so far as we have been able to observe, ever had perfection thrust upon him and because of variance of opinion between different individuals as to relative values and in respect to other matters, it was learned very early that certain rules and regulations are necessary in order that the business of society, and of societies, might be carried on expeditiously and harmoniously. The object of the authors of such rules and regulations, in a democracy, is to so frame the laws as to promote the greatest liberty and the greatest good to the greatest number. This also is the object of the members of the Program Committee. The rules and regulations are the result of the teachings of past experience. Three of the six rules for authors and each of the three rules for those taking part in discussions have to do with time limits. . . .

For the benefit of any would-be recalcitrant who may expect a modification of the rules for his benefit, the reader is respectfully referred to the sixth chapter of the book of Daniel and the twelfth verse, particularly the last line of this verse which refers to the laws of the Medes and Persians. For the benefit of any who may not possess the aforementioned volume it may be added that the same may be found in any public library and in most homes.

Doctor C. A. L. Reed Lauds Public Health League.—Doctor Charles A. L. Reed of Cincinnati, past president of the American Medical Association, Professor Emeritus of the Medical Faculty of the University of Cincinnati and prominent promoter of public health work, in an address before the Alameda County Health Center, devoted a goodly part of his address to analyzing and commending the aims and achievements of the League for the Conservation of Public Health. Dr. Reed said he had heard a great deal about this unique California organization before his arrival, but from the time he reached Los Angeles and San Diego, until the evening of his address, he heard from so many reliable sources what the League had done, was doing, and going to do, that he was both delighted and disappointed.

We quote from the *Oakland Tribune*, Dr. Reed's tribute delivered during his address, "The Public, the Medical Profession, and the New Era":

"In preaching this gospel in California I experience both disappointment and satisfaction; disappointment in finding myself engaged in the always unwelcome task of merely carrying coals to Newcastle; satisfaction in discovering that the principles for which I am contending have already here commanded recognition and are being

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† This column strives to mirror the work and aims of colleagues who bore the brunt of Association activities some twenty-five years ago. It is hoped that such presentation will be of interest to both old and new members. Historical reminiscences, papers and other archives will be welcomed by the C.M.A. Committee on History, to whom such should be sent. Address same to the Committee's Secretary, Dr. George H. Kress, Room 2004, 450 Sutter, San Francisco 8.

BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA†

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Board Proceedings

At the recent meeting of the Board of Medical Examiners held in Los Angeles, 153 applicants wrote the examination for a physician's and surgeon's certificate. Most of the applicants were recent graduates and many took the examination just prior to entering one of the branches of military service.

After hearings before the Board, the following disciplinary actions were taken:

Boyajian B. Armen, M.D., charged with violation of his probation, was on March 2, 1945, found guilty as charged and his California certificate to practice as a physician and surgeon was revoked;

Herman B. Misch, M.D., charged with illegal operation, was on March 2, 1945, found guilty as charged and his license to practice as a physician and surgeon in this State, was revoked;

John Robert Brown, M.D., charged with narcotic law violation, was on Feb. 28, 1945, found guilty as charged and placed on five years probation, without narcotic privileges or possession.

Several cases were continued to subsequent meetings.

The Board held an oral examination, as advertised, on Saturday, March 3rd, in the State Building, Los Angeles, at which 54 candidates presented themselves for examination.

As previously stated in this column, an additional written examination has been scheduled to be held at Native Sons Hall, 414 Mason Street, San Francisco, May 21, 22 and 23, 1945.

An oral examination for reciprocity candidates will be held at the Board offices, 515 Van Ness Avenue, Room 214, San Francisco, May 20, 1945.

News

An Assembly Bill of considerable interest is AB-1697 (Massion) which would require the licensing of dispensers of Chinese herbs.

"The sudden rise in the number of Selective Service inductees claiming to be suffering from a kidney disease which would disqualify them from military service was under scrutiny by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and resulted in the arrest of one youth, R. B. Hood, special agent in charge of the Los Angeles office, declared today. Held by the F.B.I. and facing arraignment before United States Commissioner David B. Head is George Clyde Todd, 19, of 421 North Woodruff, Bellflower, who, Hood alleged, falsely claimed that he was suffering from enuresis, when he received his physical examination. Because of the high number of these cases reported to the induction officials recently, Todd was sent to an Army hospital for further observa-

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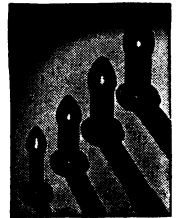
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poor are visited and the medical profession has served in greater proportion than any other group. Yet the National Health Service is taking orders from the Treasury Department. The Navy Department and the Secretary of the Interior meddle with our work. A single Health Department ought to control. The medical group is subordinated to some overlordship. Medical examiners for insurance companies have made millions for the promoters by working for very little. Shop insurance, the casualty group and such like, dictate the recompense, the Workman's Compensation Act tells what the compensation shall be. The service of medical men is more poorly paid than any other group of society. Dr. Reed referred to the petroleum, the capitalistic and shop groups having each employee examined, all injury given immediate attention, but 300 per cent more is collected than paid the doctor. He urged solidarity, autonomy of the whole medical group. On the other hand, if present conditions continue, they will lower medical efficiency and society will be the greatest sufferer. . . .

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tion, where it was found that he was normal. Approximately 25 other cases are under investigation, Hood declared." (Los Angeles Herald & Express, February 17, 1945.)

"To Detective Sgts. Glenn Wasson and A. B. Peterson of the Alhambra Police Department can go credit for recovering \$2,000 worth of stolen radium and a stolen car Tuesday night. After the doctor's bag that had contained the valuable element was found in the front yard of an Alhambra home, the two officers made an intensive search of the neighborhood and discovered an automobile owned by Dr. George Steven Sharp of Pasadena that previously had been reported stolen in that city. The precious radium was found in the glove compartment of the car. Evidently the thief had handled it, but did not know its value . . ." (Alhambra Post-Advocate, January 31, 1945.)

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Wise at 5566 Santa Monica boulevard in a vain search for narcotics after strong-arming and binding the doctor, were being sought by police today. Though they failed to find any drugs, the pair took \$45 cash, the doctor's .32-caliber revolver and his automobile keys." (Los Angeles Herald & Express, February 9, 1945.)

"Entering with a pass key, a burglar early today took \$1,378 in cash from a desk drawer in the home of Dr. Frank Kliman, 336 North Poinsettia Place, according to police." (Los Angeles Herald & Express, February 12, 1945.)

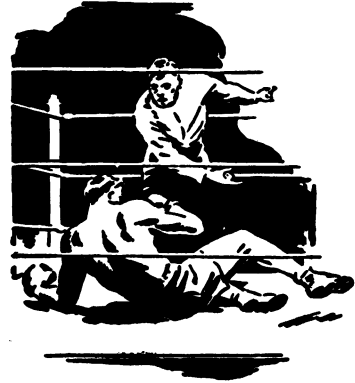
"Maj. Charles M. Wheeler of the Army Sanitary

Corps of Brea, Calif., has received the United States of America Typhus Commission Medal for 'exceptionally meritorious service' in the control of typhus. He was one of ten men so honored by the War Department at the direction of President Roosevelt." (Hollywood Citizen-News, Feb. 5, 1945.)

"The State Board of Chiropractic Examiners acted illegally in revoking licenses of 22 chiropractors last year, the Superior Court ruled today. The cancellations were ordered by the Board on grounds the licenses had been issued after examinations by single board members in 1942. New members of the board appointed by Governor Warren held that only the entire board could give the tests. However, Judge Malcolm Glenn

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held that the chiropractors were entitled to a hearing before the revocations." (San Francisco News, March 1, 1945, from Sacramento press dispatch dated March 1, 1945.)

"The tides have turned again for relatives of interned Japanese prisoners as news of the safety of loved ones filtered out of the War Department Adjutant General's office in Washington yesterday. Mrs. Gertrude M. Wilson, 2235 N. Catalina St., expressed her relief and joy when she learned that her son, Maj. Warren A. Wilson, commandant of the war prisoners' hospital at Bilibid Prison Camp, Manila, had been liberated. . . . (Hollywood Citizen-News, February 8, 1945.)